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Wrestling became an official club sport at Bridgewater this year, and the team – going to the mat for their sport – made it a very successful venture. *Story by Mark Griffin '88*

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Cornelius Steps Down as President



George Cornelius

In March, the Bridgewater College board of trustees accepted a request by **George Cornelius** to allow his contract as president to expire at the end of the current academic year. The board of trustees appointed executive vice president **Roy W. Ferguson Jr.** as interim president to succeed Cornelius. The transition was completed May 14.

"After significant reflection I have decided not to pursue an extension of my contract as president of the college," Cornelius said at the time of the announcement. "I would like to conclude the efforts I've started on campus and then focus my efforts elsewhere."

Nathan H. Miller

'65, chairman of the board of trustees, thanked Cornelius and his wife, **Susan**, for their service to Bridgewater and wished them the best in their future endeavors.

"The college has benefited from George's broad business experience across an array of industries during its current strategic plan-



Nathan H. Miller



Roy W. Ferguson Jr.

"... As begun by my predecessors, I look forward to leading the transition of a strong campus with a bright future." -Roy W. Ferguson Jr.

ning efforts," he said. "And we are pleased to have a leader of Roy Ferguson's caliber to maintain the college's momentum and history of providing a valuable education to our students."

Before joining Bridgewater College in 2003, Ferguson practiced law for 20 years in Harrisonburg, Va. His areas of practice included business and tax-exempt entity representation, health care, commercial real estate and finance, estate planning and administration, and civil litigation (primarily professional malpractice) in both state and federal trial and appellate courts.

Ferguson graduated with honors from the University of Virginia and received his law degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary. Following law school, he

served as a law clerk for the Honorable **Jackson L. Kiser**, Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia.

"I am honored to be asked to serve in the vital role of interim president

of Bridgewater College," said Ferguson. "As begun by my predecessors, I look forward to leading the transition of a strong campus with a bright future."

SEARCH COMMITTEE NAMED

In April, Miller announced the formation of a committee that will conduct the search for the next president of the college. The members of the search committee are:

THE HON. G. STEVEN AGEE '74,

CHAIR. Justice Agee currently serves as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. A member of the Bridgewater College board of trustees since 1985, Agee has served as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, a judge on the Court of Appeals of Virginia and as a justice on the Supreme Court of Virginia.

DEBRA M. ALLEN '78 A certified public accountant and treasurer of Sidney B. Allen Jr. Builder Inc., Allen is the current president of the Bridgewater College Alumni Association.

WILLIAM S. EARTHART '66 A certified public accountant, Earhart is retired treasurer of Heatwole/Miller, a real estate management and development company in Woodbridge, Va. A member of the board of trustees since 2002, Earhart has long been active in Bridgewater's fundraising efforts.

MICHAEL K. KYLES '72, M.D. Dr.

Kyles is an orthopedic surgeon on the medical staff of Halifax Regional Hospital in South Boston, Va. He is a 1975 graduate of the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, Va., and specialized in spine surgery before joining the general orthopedics practice of MacCarthy, Sparks and Kyles last year. Kyles has been a member of the BC board of trustees since 1996.

JUDY MILLS REIMER The Rev.

Judy Mills Reimer has been a member of the board of trustees at Bridgewater College since 2003. A 1962 graduate of Emory & Henry College, she is the founding pastor of the Smith Mountain Lake Church of the Brethren and has served as general secretary of the Church of the Brethren.

ROBERT I. STOLZMAN '83

Robert I. Stolzman is a partner in the Providence, R.I., law firm of Adler, Pollock & Sheehan. He has served in leadership roles for Bridgewater as a former president of the Alumni Association and a class agent. He joined the board of trustees in 2003.

JAMES H. WALSH '68

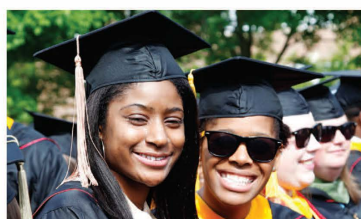
James H. Walsh is a partner with the law firm of McGuireWoods LLP in Richmond, Va., a firm with more than 800 lawyers in 15 offices throughout


the world. He was elected to the BC board of trustees in 1991.

W. STEVE WATSON JR. W. Steve Watson Jr., who holds the Lawrence S. and Carmen C. Miller Chair of Ethics, is an associate professor of philosophy and religion at Bridgewater College. Professor Watson joined the BC faculty in 1970.

KATHY G. WRIGHT '81 Kathy G. Wright is logistics coordinator for Philip Morris USA Inc. She joined the BC board of trustees in 2007 and has served as president of the Bridgewater College Alumni Association.

"We have such a diverse and talented board, it was not difficult to find strong, qualified members to serve," said Miller, adding that Professor Watson will "bring an important faculty perspective to the committee's deliberations."





Bridgewater alumna **Dr. Darla K. Deardorff '92** delivered the college's commencement address May 12 on the campus mall. Dr. Deardorff is executive director of the Association of International Education Administrators, a national professional organization based at Duke University, where she is a research scholar in the Program in Education. The topic of her address to the 357 graduates was "Words to Live By."

Dr. **Robert Neff**, president emeritus of Juniata College, delivered the message at the college's baccalaureate service on May 11. Neff, who is currently the associate for resource development at The Village at Morrisons Cove in Martinsburg, Pa., spoke on "Justice 2012."



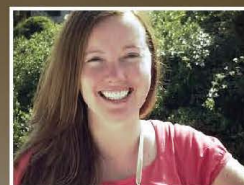
Five Honored During Alumni Weekend

Dr. J. Paul Wampler



Doris Cline Egge

Dr. Ken Heatwole



Emila J. Sutton



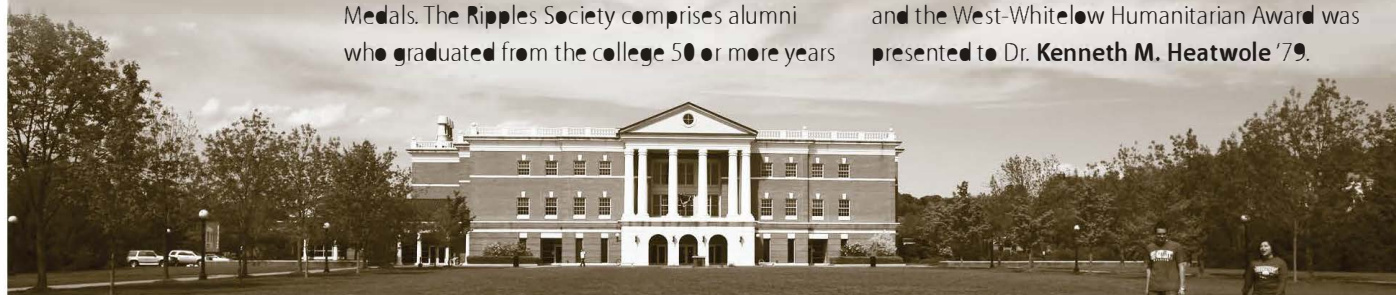
Dr. Elizabeth Mumper

Five Bridgewater College alumni were honored as part of the college's annual Alumni Weekend celebration April 20-22.

At the annual banquet of the Ripples Society on April 20, Dr. J. Paul Wampler '54 and Doris Cline Egge '46, received the 2012 Ripples Society Medals. The Ripples Society comprises alumni who graduated from the college 50 or more years

ago, and the class of 1962 was inducted into the Society that evening.

At the Alumni Awards ceremony on April 21, the Distinguished Alumna Award was presented to Dr. Elizabeth Mumper '76. The Young Alumna Award was presented to Emila J. Sutton '02, and the West-Whitelow Humanitarian Award was presented to Dr. Kenneth M. Heatwole '79.



Three Faculty Recognized on Founder's Day

Bridgewater College celebrated 132 years of its founding on April 3 when it presented three awards during the Founder's Day convocation in the Carter Center for Worship and Music.

Three faculty members were recognized for excellence in teaching and scholarship.

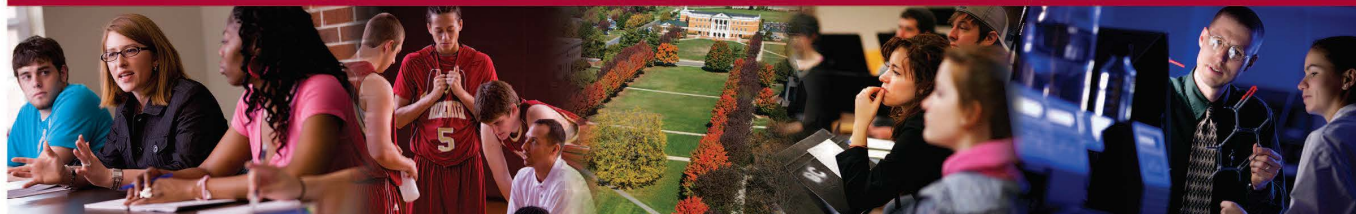
Dr. James D. Bowling, associate professor of mathematics, received the Ben and Janice Wade Outstanding Teaching Award; Dr. Barbara H. Long, chair and assistant professor of health and human sciences, received the Martha B. Thornton Faculty Recognition Award; and Dr. Brian M. Kelley, associate professor of psychology, received the Faculty Scholarship Award.

The Founder's Day observance at Bridgewater commemorates the April 3, 1854, birth of Bridgewater College founder Daniel C. Flory.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Dr. James D. Bowling; Dr. Brian M. Kelley; Dr. Barbara H. Long

BC 2020: The Strategic Plan for Bridgewater College



Bridgewater College Approves Strategic Plan Through 2020

A strategic plan to guide Bridgewater College through 2020 has been approved by the college's board of trustees.

"BC 2020: The Strategic Plan for Bridgewater College" identifies key areas that are critical to the success of Bridgewater in the next eight years and presents strategies for achieving goals within those areas. Areas



addressed in the plan include student success, the Bridgewater Experience, enhanced and new programs, access and affordability, alumni and community, and facilities.

"The prior strategic plan was 10 years old, and higher education has notably changed over that period," said **Nathan H. Miller**, chairman of the board of trustees. "The board, recognizing the need to have a plan for the future, initiated the process of

developing this new strategic plan."

Miller noted that, in the future, higher education must focus on the realities of living in an international community, a fast-changing technological environment and an educational environment in which new majors and curricula abound.

"While addressing these changes, the board insisted on maintaining the fundamentals of our identity – education of the whole person in a challenging and supportive learning community that embraces the core values of equality and service to humanity inspired by our church heritage. Thus we have some of the old and some of the new."

Miller added that the strategic plan committee was chaired by **J. Russell Bruner**, a 1977 alumnus of Bridgewater who is cur-



rently the chief executive officer for Maersk Inc.

"The committee sought input from the board of trustees, faculty, staff, alumni and students to ensure that the plan is well rounded and, during the next decade, will meet the needs of the many populations served by the college," Bruner said.

The plan calls for Bridgewater to develop measurable learning goals to improve retention and four-year graduation rates; emphasize critical thinking and communication skills, particularly writing; and explore offering graduate (master's level) and other educational programs consistent with the college's mission and values.



OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN INCLUDE:

- Employing technology-assisted learning environments and techniques
- Taking advantage of the college's proximity to Washington, D.C., and Richmond to provide distinctive, community-based learning experiences
- Reducing energy and resource consumption
- Developing curricula to reflect a global context
- Supporting faculty development
- Enhancing the college's focus on pre-professional and graduate-school preparation
- Prioritizing the recruitment and enrollment of community college transfer students
- Increasing the endowment of the college

Bridgewater Snags National Recognition for Community Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has recognized

Bridgewater College as a leader among institutions of higher education for its support of volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

Bridgewater College was named to the 2012

President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for engaging its students, faculty and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community.

The CNCS, which has administered the Honor Roll since 2006, admitted a total of 642 colleges and universities for their impact on issues such as literacy, neighborhood revitalization and the support

of at-risk youth. Of that total, 513 were named to the Honor Roll, 110 received the recognition of Honor Roll with distinction, 14 were identified as finalists and five received the Presidential Award.

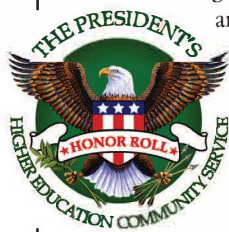
Campuses named to this year's Honor Roll reported that nearly 1 million of their students engaged in service learning and more than 1.6 million participated in other forms of community service, contributing more than 105 million hours.

Recent service-learning projects that involved Bridgewater College students, faculty and staff include "Into the Streets," a day in which freshmen fan out into the community to volunteer for dozens of service projects; the design and construction of exercise stations at Our Community Place in Harrisonburg, Va.; and Amigos Unidos, a mentorship program that pairs Bridgewater

students with Hispanic children in a local middle school to bridge cultural gaps.

The CNCS oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the U.S. departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact and the American Council on Education. Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including the scope and innovation of service projects, the extent to which service-learning is embedded in the curriculum, the school's commitment to long-term campus-community partnerships, and measurable community outcomes as a result of the service.

The CNCS is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America programs.



BC's PC Helps Craft Law Enforcement Bill



Until recently, police officers at many colleges in Virginia were not recognized as law enforcement entities beyond the confines of their

campuses. Thanks to House Bill 771, which Gov. Bob McDonnell approved in April – and thanks in large part to the efforts of Bridgewater College Police Chief **Nicholas Picerno** – all that will change beginning July 1.

Picerno worked with bill patron Del.

Steve Landes (R-25th) to include language that defines police officers at colleges and universities as law enforcement officers.

The bill established that campus police officers, as appointed by public and private institutions of higher education, are included within the definition of law-enforcement officer. It allows campus police officers more flexibility in their ability to arrest law violators, including arresting without a warrant any person who commits any crime in the presence of the officer and any person whom the officer has reasonable grounds or probable cause to suspect of having committed a felony not in the officer's presence.

The bill also exempts campus police from undergoing a background check when purchasing firearms.

"The passage of this legislation was extremely important to campus law enforcement throughout the commonwealth," Picerno said. "I contacted Del. Landes, who is known as an advocate for professional law enforcement. He quickly championed the bill and in so doing rectified deficiencies in current law thereby allowing campus police to provide an added layer of substantive protection to the community we serve."

Nine Faculty Retire from Bridgewater

Nine longtime members of Bridgewater College's faculty announced their retirement during the 2011-2012 academic year. The College bid farewell to the following at the conclusion of the spring semester:

Dr. K. Gary Adams Professor of Music *30 years of service*

Dr. Barbara P. Black Professor of Foreign Languages *29 years of service*

Dr. Richard L. Bowman A. Leroy and

Wanda H. Baker Chair of Science and Professor of Physics *26 years of service*

Dr. David E. Coffman '68 Professor of Education *21 years of service*

Dr. James W. Eaton Professor of Economics and Business Administration *27 years of service*

Dr. Michael S. Hensley '69 Harry G.M. Jopson Professor of Biology *26 years of service*

Dr. Jesse E. Hopkins Jr. '70 Edwin L. Turner Distinguished Professor of Music *35 years of service*

Dr. Susan L. Piepke Professor of Foreign Languages *24 years of service*

Dr. Raymond J. Schneider Associate Professor of Computer Science *10 years of service*

Pierson Named Convocation and International Education Director

Dr. **Jeffrey H. Pierson**, professor of communications studies at Bridgewater College, has been named to the positions of director of convocations and international education at BC.

Pierson will provide vision, leadership and direction to enhance and expand Bridgewater's international education initiatives. As the college's director of convocations, he will design and coordinate the wide variety of programs that address important social issues, including films, speakers and presentations.

"This is certainly a challenging combination of assignments, but Jeff has a master plan to make it all work – a fact that will not surprise anyone at Bridgewater College who knows him well," said Dr.

Carol A. Scheppard, vice president and dean of academic affairs.

"We are all very excited to see his vision unfold."

Pierson graduated from North Carolina State University and received his master's degree from Temple University and his Ph.D. from Rutgers University. Before coming to Bridgewater, Pierson taught at The College of New Jersey, Mercer County (N.J.) Community College, Rutgers University and Temple University. Pierson joined Bridgewater's faculty in 1992.

"I am really looking forward to the chance to further develop both programs at the college," said Pierson. "In my view, what connects them is the issue of diversity, bringing a slate of speakers with diverse perspectives to our campus through our lecture series, and raising the awareness of issues related to our increasingly important global community with the international education program activities."

VFIC Grant Funds Professor's Zambian Book Project

A Bridgewater College professor who helped his native Zambian village build, stock and staff its first library has been awarded a grant to publish a book about Zambian culture.

Sociology professor Dr. **Mwizenge Tembo** has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Mednick Fellowship Committee of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC) to publish a book titled *Satisfying Zambian Hunger for Culture* and to conduct a workshop to enhance the culture of reading in villages surrounding the newly built Nkhanga Village Library in rural Zambia.



Dr. Mwizenge Tembo

The grant will cover Tembo's travel costs to Zambia to execute the two projects, which he will accomplish while on sabbatical from Bridgewater from September through December.

"This is a prayer come true," Tembo said. "Once the college had approved my sabbatical leave, I didn't know how I was going to travel to Zambia to publish the book and hold the workshops for the new Village Library volunteers. I am very thankful and happy that I got the grant."

Historical Research on Bridgewater

Have you ever been to the National Institutes of Health?

During the 1960s and '70s, Bridgewater College sent dozens of students to the Clinical Center at NIH in Bethesda, Md., to participate as subjects of clinical trials and to work as research assistants for these trials. In the decades following World War II, clinical research on human subjects in America increased dramatically. Additionally, studies using human subjects became increasingly legally restricted, compelling researchers to seek out new supplies of participants.

Many of the healthy "normal control" volunteers that have participated in clinical trials since that time have been college students. The Bridgewater program that sent students to the NIH in the 1960s was established to benefit the students with laboratory experience and a paid research opportunity and to provide the Clinical Center with healthy volunteers.

Dr. **Laura Stark** of Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., is embarking on a project to examine the experiences of the "normal control" research subjects at the NIH. This venture will examine the clinical trials performed in the postwar decades at the NIH from the unique perspective of the trial participants. Stark will perform a number of oral history interviews with people who served as "normal control" subjects at the NIH, and she is hoping to include any Bridgewater alumni who underwent this experience.

In a broad sense this project will suggest how research participants affected clinical findings, and how the institutions in postwar America that sent volunteers to NIH shaped the course of biomedical science into the 21st century. If you are interested in contributing or learning more about this project, please contact Dr. Laura Stark at 860-685-3205 or ljstark@wesleyan.edu.



BC Students, Professor Win Best Paper Award at National Conference

Two Bridgewater College students, one alumnus and a professor of psychology have taken top honors at an international conference for a paper they wrote about the effects

Behavioral Research Conference in Atlantic City, N.J.

Another Bridgewater senior and psychology major, **Martha C. Joslyn** of Tappahan-

"... When a high dose of caffeine was added to alcohol it actually enhanced, not blocked, alcohol's effect on reward as well as mood. Our results help explain why adding caffeine to alcohol ultimately results in greater consumption of alcohol."

– **DR. BRIAN M. KELLEY, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY**

of alcohol-caffeine drinks on behavior.

Seniors and psychology majors **Tara Knicely** of New Market, Va., and **Andrew Moon** of Forest, Va., joined Dr. **Brian M. Kelley**, associate professor of psychology at Bridgewater, and 2011 graduate **John Graybeal** in writing "The Longitudinal Effects of Alcohol and Caffeine on Anxiety, Depression and Reward in Mice," which won the "Best Paper Award" at the International Organization for Social Science and

nock, Va., contributed to the research.

"The competition was across all presenters, which included an international audience as well as junior through senior faculty and undergraduate and graduate students," Kelley said. "Tara Nicely delivered the presentation and she did a remarkable job."

Kelley said the paper culminated two semesters of modeling the emerging trend of alcohol-caffeine drinks, such as Four-Loko. He said consumers of such products

assume that because alcohol is a sedative and caffeine is a stimulant, the two cancel each other out.

"We found just the opposite," Kelley said. "When a high dose of caffeine was added to alcohol it actually enhanced, not blocked, alcohol's effect on reward as well as mood. Furthermore, these effects were impacted by age and sex. Our results help explain why adding caffeine to alcohol ultimately results in greater consumption of alcohol."

Kelley added that the study represents one of the first that examines the developmental effects of these drinks on important behaviors that govern abuse.

Nicely is the daughter of Randy and Pamela Nicely of New Market, Va.

Moon is the son of Wendy Moon of Forest, Va.

Joslyn is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Allen Joslyn of Tappahannock, Va.

Win, winning, winningest!



Curt Kendall '81 has achieved several milestones in his 27th season as head baseball coach for the Bridgewater Eagles. Kendall, who also serves as the college's athletics director, picked up his 600th career win when the Eagles defeated Mary Washington 3-0 on Feb. 22.

Just over a month later, on March 28, the Eagles won 2-0 over Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) foes Washington and Lee. With that win – no. 613 – Kendall surpassed the record set by former Ferrum head coach Abe Naff to become the winningest coach in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III history in Virginia.

Kendall also has the highest career winning percentage of any baseball coach in the ODAC. His teams have won the ODAC regular season 12 times and the ODAC tournament 11 times as well as surpassed the baseball program's record for wins in a season four times, most recently in 2006.

A five-time ODAC Coach of the Year, Kendall commented with characteristic modesty, "There have been a lot of good players come through over the years, and I've had great assistant coaches. The head coach gets the recognition, but all of us did it."

**Kendall Tops 600
– Then Breaks
Record for Most
Wins by a D-III
Baseball Coach
in Virginia**

BRIDGEWATER Noted & Quoted

3. **"I put it out of my mind.** A lot of people were focusing on it before the season, but I paid no attention to it." – **CURT KENDALL '81**



4. **("DOC" JOPSON) HAD THE RESPECT OF ATHLETES.** Those guys, you could literally say, 'run through this wall,' and they would go do it just for him." – **SHANE D. STEVENS '79, BC TRACK COACH**



5. Bridgewater College students and others marched down Dinkel Avenue to the 7-Eleven where several students bought Skittles and ice tea during a protest of the shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

6. "Coaches can help provide youth with opportunities to develop life skills that will help them be positive and contributing members within our communities. **I BELIEVE THAT IS THE LESSON THAT MANY STUDENT-ATHLETES LEARNED FROM WORKING WITH 'DOC' JOPSON** and I think if we do this, we will all truly 'win' the game." – **DR. LORI GANO-OVERWAY**

7. **"Art is like a competition, striving to get people to see it differently. I'm inspired to be the best, to 'wow' them."** – **JOSEPH CROSS '12**

1. "To be racing at such a young age is not very common in this area, but it's common around the United States. It's kind of a youth movement in NASCAR and a lot of young guys are getting their start in the series..." – **Taylor Doggett '15**

2. **AT THE HEAD OF THE CLASS,** (Dr. Gavin) Lawson, a 44-year-old associate professor of biology, stands wearing black gloves and boots and his homemade chain-mail armor, which he pulled in at the waist with a belt.



"I always loved wearing the garb," he said. "Plus, (wearing) 30 pounds of chain mail is a really good workout."

1. "Doggett Balances College, Auto Racing for Fast-Paced Life" *Richmond Times Dispatch* March 15, 2012
2. "Bridgewater Class Brings Sword Fighting to Virginia" *Associated Press* Feb. 15, 2012
3. "Curt Kendall Earns Career Win 600" *Waynesboro (Pa.) Record Herald* Feb. 24, 2012
4. "College's 'Doc' Was Always In" (Harrisonburg) *Daily News-Record* March 10, 2012
5. "Does Police Incident Report Upend Trayvon Martin Case?" *Christian Science Monitor* March 27, 2012
6. "The Active Life: Kids-First Coaching" (Harrisonburg) *Daily News-Record* April 17, 2012
7. "Bridgewater Athlete Changes His Lens on Life" *NCAA* March 23, 2012



Farewell, “Doc”

By Charles Culbertson

Even if you never had him as your biology professor or legged it around a track at his behest – even if you never met the man – you knew who “Doc” Jopson was. You couldn’t miss him. He was omnipresent at Bridgewater College and had been since 1936. It’s safe to say that no one in the college’s history has had his or her name modified by the word “legendary” as much as Harry G.M. “Doc” Jopson.

◀◀ *The bronze bust of “Doc” was erected at the entrance to Jopson Field at its dedication on April 28, 2001.*

Photos courtesy of Special Collections, Alexander Mack Memorial Library.

When the former biology professor and track coach died on March 8 at the age of 100 (he would have turned 101 on June 23), former students, faculty, friends, co-workers and former track rivals rushed to offer their condolences – seasoned, of course, with the countless “Doc” stories that helped make the man a legend in his own time.

How he achieved that status has been extensively recounted over the years, but just in case you’ve been living in a black hole for the last few decades, a recap of Jopson’s incredible career is in order.

In 1936, Jopson came to Bridgewater to head up the one-person biology department. The Philadelphia native and graduate of Cornell University (who had run hurdles at Haverford College) breathed new life into Bridgewater’s track team in 1937. The team, which had failed to win an intercollegiate meet before Jopson arrived, was defunct.

Jopson began to work his magic. In the track team’s second year, it won the first meet of the season. By the late 1940s, after Jopson had served in the United Seaman’s Service in World War II, the team was consistently winning its meets. In 1952, for example, it took the Mason-Dixon Conference meet.

Jopson introduced cross country in 1938. In 1941, BC won the championship.

Winning became a frequent occurrence for Bridgewater’s track teams. Two dozen undefeated track seasons and dozens of conference and state championships went into the history books and trophy cases of Jopson’s athletes. Jopson himself was selected the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Track Coach of the year from 1978 to 1981.

Additionally, Bridgewater loaded him down with honors. Induction into the BC Athletic Hall of Fame; a scholar-athlete award in his name created by ODAC officials; an endowed chair in his name in the college’s biology department, of which he was chair for 45 years; the 1971 naming of the track and football complex after him; and, in 1978, Bridgewater awarded Jopson an honorary doctor of science degree. Although Jopson retired in 1981, he continued to serve as an unofficial assistant coach for years.

But people couldn’t forget him and what he had done. In 2011, two of Jopson’s former athletes – Jeffrey Heppard ’74 and Craig Waters ’78 – spearheaded an effort to found the Jopson Endowed Track/Cross Country Fund. Jopson was told of the fund at a party honoring his 100th birthday.

Jopson’s reputation, however, was not solely rooted in his abilities as a track coach. He was, by all accounts, one of the toughest, most demanding and brilliant biology professors extant.

“He was a tough teacher and scared the hell out of me,” said Rudy Rucker ’52. “In my first oral exam in biology, ‘Doc’ came into the room, sat on a stool and said, ‘Show me something I haven’t seen.’ One of my comprehensive exams for him was only three or four questions, and took all day to complete.”

At an Athletic Hall of Fame event, Doug Coleman ’73 reminded Jopson that he got a double dose of him, being both a runner and a biology major.

“His response – ‘And amazingly, you survived both,’” said Coleman.

Fred Diehl ’60, who ran for Jopson, recalled that some of “Doc’s” workouts were long and tiring

“ I was at B.C. when Dr. Jopson was a professor/track coach and he had many winning records with his track /cross country teams. He had a Studebaker which he used to take some of the track team on trips. Whenever he stopped to gas up, the track team would kid him by hollering out the window and telling the attendant to check the gas and fill ‘er up with oil. – MERLE L. JENKINS ’51

I loved that man. –RALPH “DUSTY” RHODES ’78

He was proud of all of his students and, perhaps not coincidentally, quite a few of his track and cross country athletes chose science as a career. Of course, as a result of his teaching ability and personal charisma, many others did too. – FRED DIEHL ’60 ”



"Doc" with his wife, Hope, in an undated photo.



“A much cherished memory from my days at BC is of “Doc” unexpectedly cooking and serving me breakfast at 4 a.m. before our first hunting trip. — BOB KLEIN '62

to the point that, frequently, Diehl fell asleep for part of his 8 a.m. introduction to biology class.

“Some years later, when I had finished graduate school and had taken my first job, ‘Doc’ introduced me to a friend of his and uncharacteristically bragged on himself. I remember the twinkle in ‘Doc’s’ eye when he said, ‘To show what a good teacher I was, Diehl not only passed my course while sleeping through it, but the class interested him so much that he went on to choose biology as a major and has gone on to be a professional in the discipline.’”

Another of Diehl’s recollections reveals a different aspect of Jopson’s character.

“I only saw ‘Doc’ really upset and angry a couple of times,” he said. “Luckily only once was it directed at me, but that’s another story.

Anyway, we were running in a track meet at Catholic University and one of the other coaches made some offhanded, disparaging racial comments about Carlyle and Al Whitelow, who were on the team.”

When Diehl reported what he had heard the coach say, Jopson fired off some salty language “having to do with the offspring of a female dog” and vowed to have the coach disciplined by the Mason Dixon Conference for his unacceptable behavior.

“He was an unusually tolerant and patient man, but could not stand to see anyone – especially members of his own team – subjected to that type of bigotry or injustice. He seemed especially pleased when we won the meet that spring day.”

Bob Klein '62 saw Jopson from more angles than perhaps most other students. For Klein, Jopson was not only his professor, but also his track coach, hunting partner, friend and unofficial adviser/mentor. It is Klein’s estimate that Jopson’s positive impact may very well “last forever,” relating an incident to illustrate what he meant.

“I once asked him about an issue I would soon have to deal with, and he advised me,” Klein said. “About 15 years later, an employee of mine came to me with a personal issue. She needed and wanted serious guidance. Truthfully, I didn’t feel qualified and didn’t know where to begin. Suddenly, I remembered ‘Doc’s’ words to me all those years ago, so I began to advise her in exactly the same way.”

Ten years later, Klein had a chance meeting with the woman (who was now working in a different department). She rushed up to him and asked him if he remembered advising her all those years ago. Klein said he did. The woman went on to relate that her sister had recently come to her for advice. The advice she gave?

“I almost cried when I heard her repeating ‘Doc’s’ words,” said Klein.

The stories abound, too many in their number and too wide in their scope to be fully explored in the confines of a single magazine article. Indeed, perhaps not even a book could do justice to the legacy that “Doc” Jopson carved out during his monumental association with Bridgewater College. But those who knew him would agree that he probably wouldn’t want a book written about him, anyway. For Jopson – the ultimate coach and educator – his life and legacy is recorded in the hearts and minds of the untold thousands of students he taught and mentored.

Which is just the way he’d want it.

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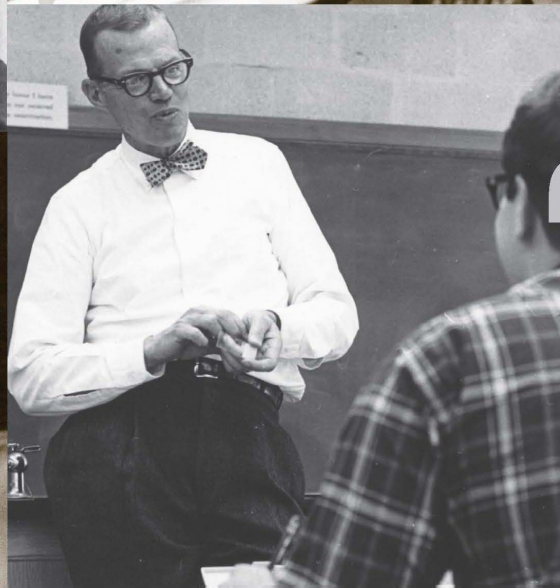
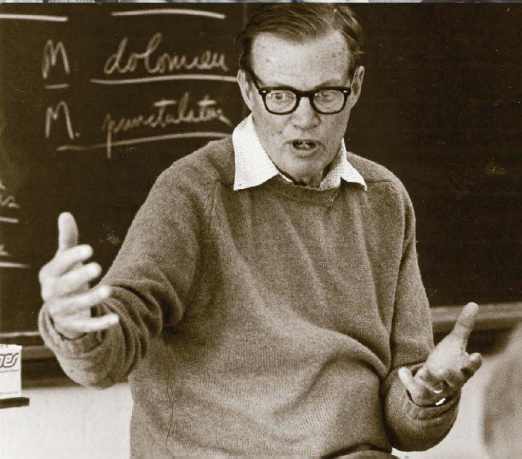
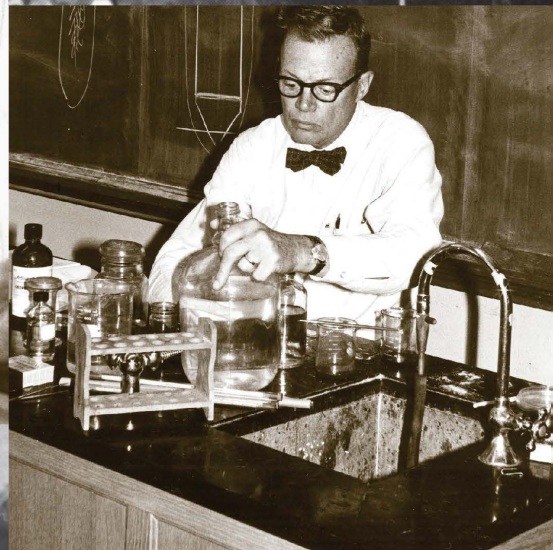
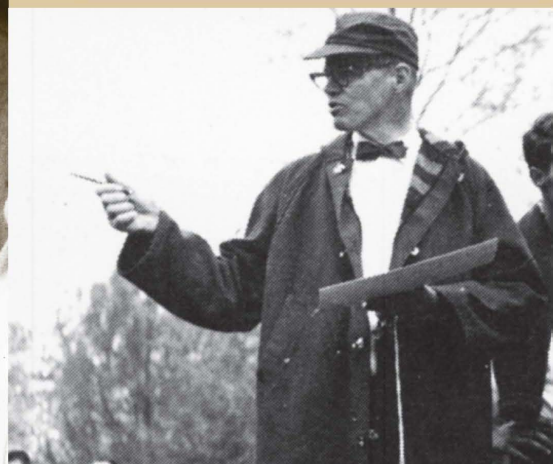
Alumni remember "Doc" >>

“ Having observed his style, his attitude toward running, his appearance - bow tie, oxford shirts and herringbone jacket with saddle buck shoes - and his picture of health, all I can say is: Wow! What an inspiration! ”

- JOHN J. ZACK '73

“ Bridgewater College has suffered a huge loss with the passing of “Doc” Jopson, as have I, who had him as my adviser when I attended BC 1963-67. As a general science-pre-med major, I was assigned to him. He guided me as I navigated the then daunting process for a woman who wanted to enter medical school. ”

- DR. SANDRA M. CHASE '67



“ Doc loved to give essay tests. A typical question was, “Describe the universe and give two examples.” ”

- TOM BARBER '74



I can't recall another who was more dedicated to his students, his teams and his college.

— ROBERT M. FLORA '60

Doc was my professor, track coach, friend and, in my senior year, neighbor on Broad Street when our first child was born. Our first home visitors were 'Doc' and Hope bearing a gift - an infant-sized tee shirt bearing the words, "Bridgewater College, Class of 19??". He understood why I missed that March 1971 meet.

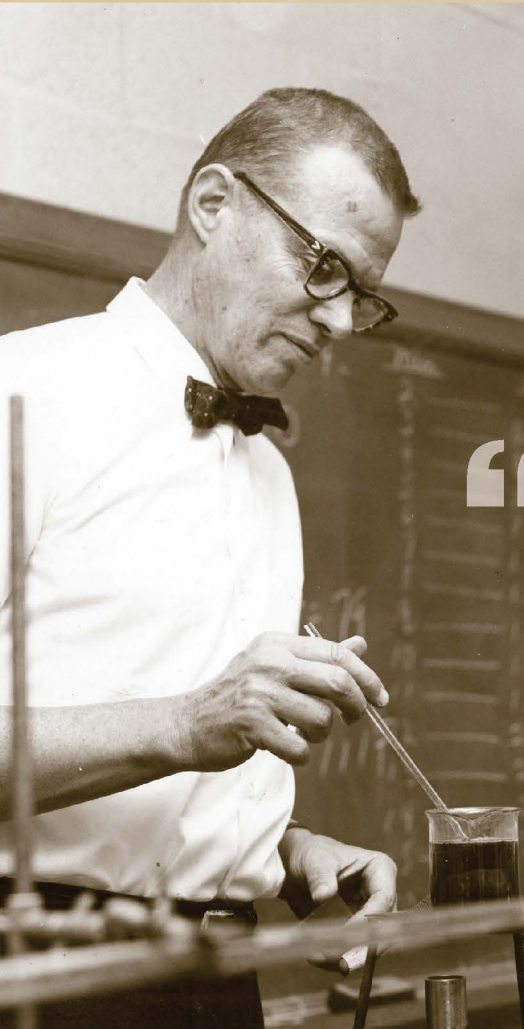
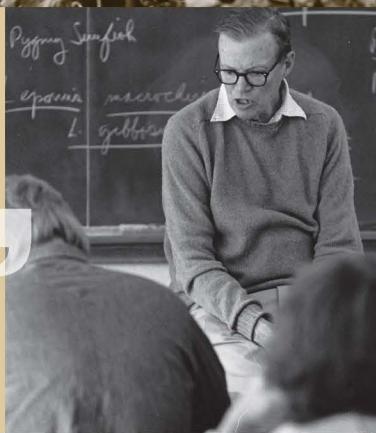
— GREG FRIDINGER '71

As a student of his, an athlete, a colleague and friend, I felt he was one of those few people in life you could approach and get sound advice - in just about anything.

— SHANE STEVENS '79

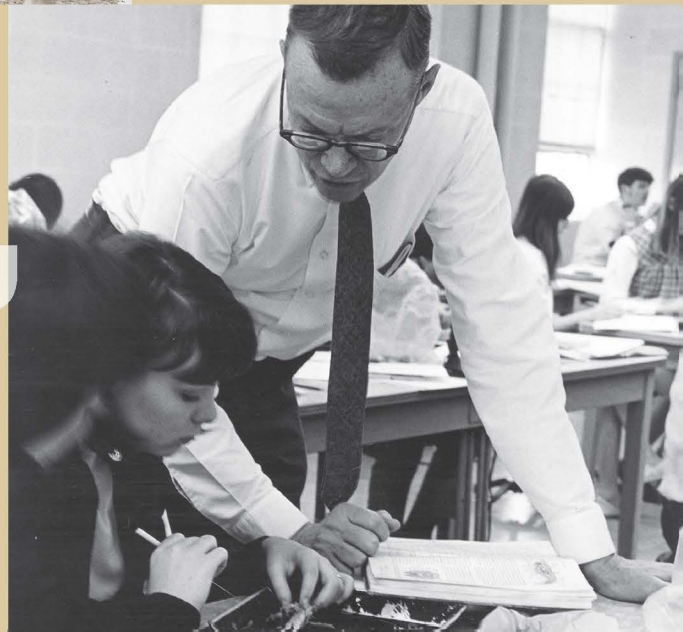
There was nothing quite like a beautiful spring day, spent with Doc Jopson and a pair of waders on, sifting through the waters of Silver Lake.

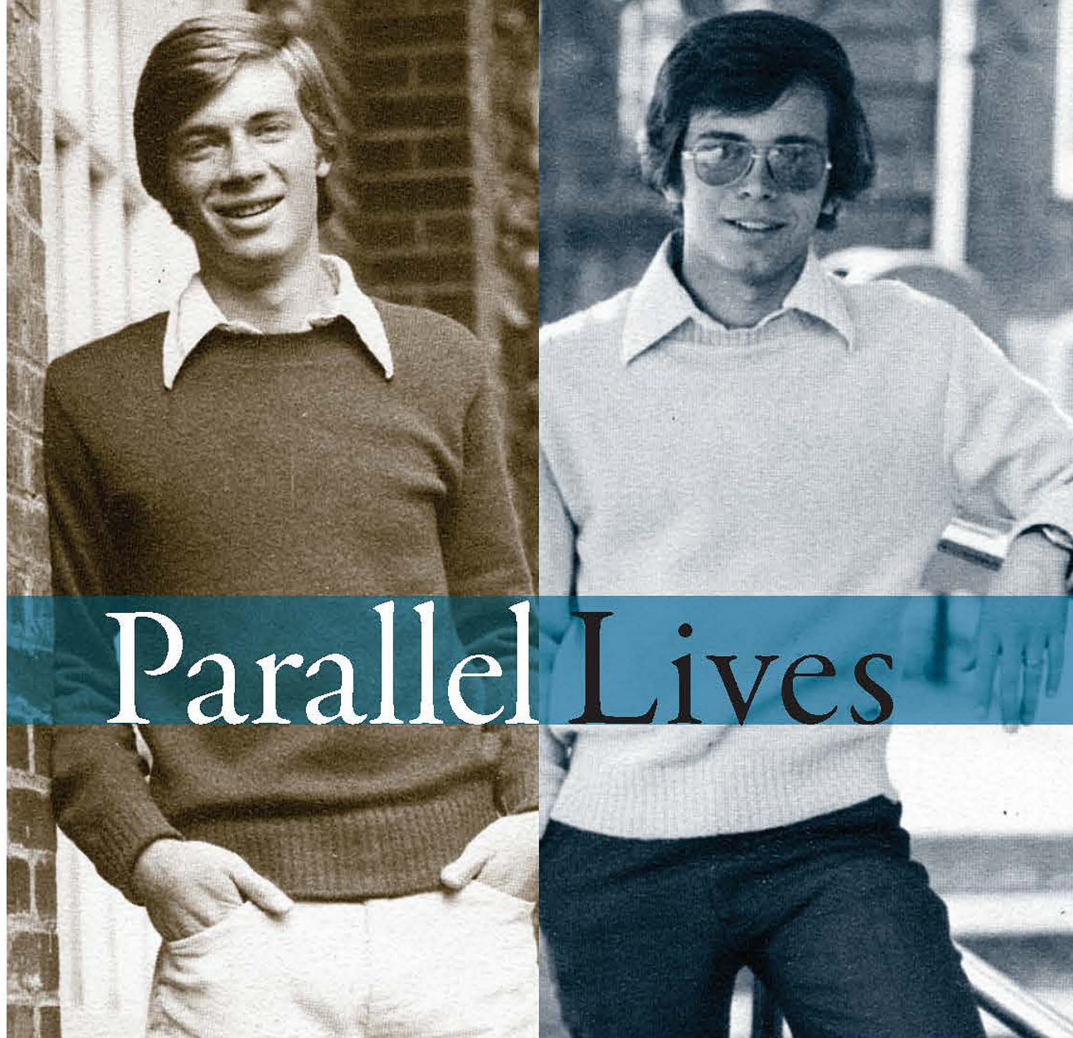
— DR. CATHY M. SLUSHER '80



He was a wonderful and inspirational individual. He will be missed.

— REV. WILLIAM C. FORREST '68





Carl Fike (left), Aubrey Knight (right) Ripples 1978

By Karen Doss Bowman '91

Former BC roommates share similar mission pursuits.

When Carl Fike and Aubrey Knight, Bridgewater class of 1978, were matched as roommates as freshmen, they soon found that their paths may have crossed when they were toddlers. Just weeks after they met, the roommates discovered that their parents – then Bridgewater students – had been backyard neighbors in college-owned houses.

Though Fike and Knight don't think they lived in the homes at the same time, the close encounter was a fun coincidence.

They've been friends ever since.

Now, more than 30 years later, the lives of these long-time friends have inadvertently taken a parallel route. Fike and Knight are involved in separate, ongoing service projects with orphanages in Latin America.

"In both situations, it's been a fortuitous thing," said

Knight, a physician from Salem, Va. "We became roommates much by accident, and we did not purposefully go out seeking opportunities to be involved with orphanages. It just happened because it's important to both of us to give back to those in need."

Building an Orphanage

Fike, who worked as an executive for a building supply company before retiring last July, began traveling to Sucre, Bolivia, in 1990 to help build a Bible school. Once the project was completed about eight years later, a group of missionaries approached him about building an orphanage in Sucre to provide a home and compassionate care

Photos courtesy of Carl Fike and Aubrey Knight.



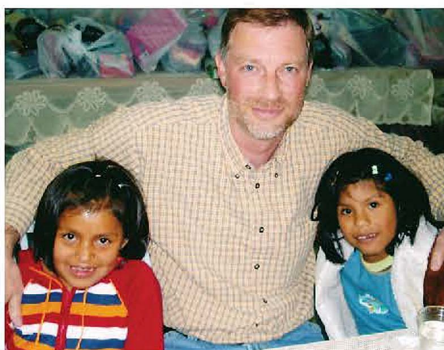
"... the best things are what happen to you. It's just the way God blesses you and gives you a sense that you have a purpose in life to help others." – CARL FIKE '78



TOP: Several children from La Casa de mi Padre.

RIGHT: Group photo of children living at Shalom.





Carl Fike with two small Bolivian friends – Marcellina and Rosemary.

to children living on the street – common in Latin America where dire poverty is widespread.

“I could see how big a job it was, and I wasn’t really all that crazy at first about starting another big project,” said Fike, who is now pastor at Oak Park Church of the Brethren in Oakland, Md. “I could see it being a million-dollar project, and I knew we would have to raise the money.”

Fike’s wife, Suzie, urged him to take on the project. She had already enlisted the support of a group of women at their church, and the congregation soon kicked off a capital campaign to raise the money and began sponsoring children.

More than 10 years in the making, the “Shalom is My Home” project houses about 100 children in multiple houses on two sites. A third site is set to be completed in early 2013; the finished project will accommodate about 130 children.

Unlike traditional orphanages, Shalom’s goal isn’t to find adoptive parents for the children. Instead, the children are cared for by house parents who live with them and bring them up in a Christian atmosphere. As the children become young adults, they may live for a while in a transitional home while they attend college or look for jobs.

“With our business model, the children stay with us until they’ve been shaped into young Christian adults who can be assimilated into society with not just a job and social skills, but also a love for the Lord and an evangelistic attitude,” explains Fike, whose earliest inspiration for missions work came during childhood, when he listened to a guest speaker at his church talk about service trips to Haiti.

Providing Compassionate Health Care

Knight began medical missions in Bolivia in the early 1990s, but his trips were unrelated to Fike’s. When a powerful earthquake hit El Salvador in 2001, Knight’s medical team was invited to provide medical care for a group of children living in a start-up orphanage in San Salvador. Knight agreed, thinking it would be a one-time trip and that he would resume trips to Bolivia after this mission.

However, he said, “We were touched by these kids and by the needs they had and the opportunity to be a part of their lives. So we’ve continued to go each year.”

Knight and his wife, Esther Elswick Knight, ’78, established a non-profit ministry, My Father’s House International, to support the orphanage La Casa de mi Padre. Many of the children living at La Casa de mi Padre have parents or other family members who simply abandoned them—typically because of poverty and lack of education. An important piece of that ministry is trying to reconcile the families and break the generational cycles of shattered relationships.

Knight arranges for three trips to El Salvador each year, including one with medical and pharmacy students from Virginia Commonwealth University Medical School. The experience is eye-opening for young medical students, revealing a stark disparity between health care services in the U.S. and Latin America. Knight enjoys the unique opportunity to get “back to the roots” of practicing the art of medicine.

“We are spoiled by the technology we have in the U.S., but we also rely on that technology too much,” says Knight, who practices geriatric and palliative medicine. “On a mission like this, we rely on our own

minds and hands and ears to help us come to an understanding of what’s going on with the patient. You don’t have a CT scan or an X-ray or an ultrasound. You can’t fall back on those diagnostic tests. It’s all about your knowledge of medicine and the human conditions.”

The Rewards of Giving Back

It’s easy to see why Fike and Knight’s friendship—forged so many years ago in a dorm room at Bridgewater College—has stayed strong. Through shared faith and spirituality, they have enjoyed helping build better lives for children in Latin America. Knight believes some of the seeds of service were planted during his time at Bridgewater.

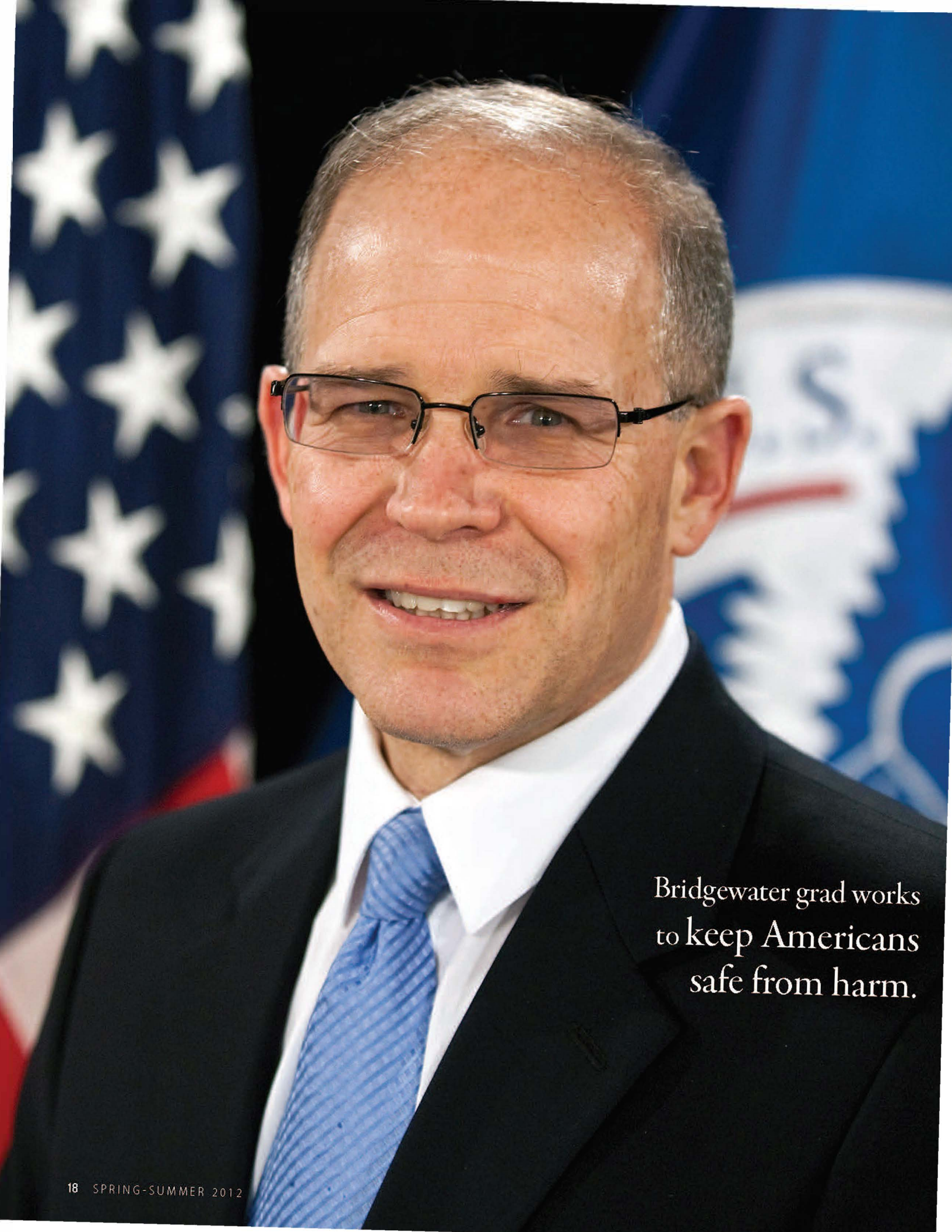
“On a mission like this, we rely on our own minds and hands and ears to help us come to an understanding of what’s going on with the patient.” – AUBREY KNIGHT ’78



The Knight family: (from left) Grandson Benjamin Knight, Justin Knight '08, Esther Elswick Knight '78, Aubrey Knight '78, Emily Knight Wilson '05, Brad Wilson and Caroline Hippler.

“While I don’t recall taking advantage of a lot of service-learning activities – it wasn’t emphasized as much then as it is now – the underpinning of the Brethren church to serve the underserved and to be a light is part of Bridgewater,” said Knight. “That’s part of what you gathered at Bridgewater, and I believe that played a role in creating in me the need to follow that call to service.”

Fike added: “You go down there to do something for these children, and good things have happened, but the best things are what happen to you. It’s just the way God blesses you and gives you a sense that you have a purpose in life to help others.”



Bridgewater grad works
to keep Americans
safe from harm.

Someone to Watch Over Me

By Karen Doss Bowman '91

The collapse of the Berlin Wall in 1989 was a deeply personal and gratifying event for Bill Tarry Jr. '81. As a Soviet Navy analyst with U.S. Naval Intelligence at the time, Tarry spent his early career immersed in the Cold War, collecting and assimilating intricate details about the inner workings of the Red fleet to support U.S. forces stationed just off the coast of the Soviet Union. For him, watching the wall topple brought tremendous satisfaction and the overwhelming sense that “we won the war.”

“As Soviet analysts, we were at the heart of the Cold War—and it was a real war to us,” said Tarry, of Huntingtown, Md. “When the Berlin Wall came down, the idea that communism was crumbling was a vindication of all the hard work we had done and of the feeling that we were making a difference. We felt it personally.”

These days, Tarry’s work is focused on the home front. He recently was appointed principal deputy undersecretary for Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). As the second-ranking intelligence official in the third-largest department of the U.S. government, Tarry

is charged with providing homeland security intelligence and information to Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and her senior leadership staff—meeting with her several times each week to discuss potential al-Qaida or other threats detected within U.S. borders. He also shares security data and coordinates personnel support with other DHS components (including the U.S. Secret Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and with the 77 state fusion centers located throughout the country. These centers analyze, gather and share threat-related information between the federal government and state, local, tribal and private sector partners.

“On any given day, we’re working directly with the president down to the police officers on the streets,” said Tarry, who received his Intelligence Community Officer designation in 2002.

Roots in Intelligence

Tarry, a native of Maryland, was inspired in both his education and his career by his parents. His father’s job as an intelligence professional afforded the family nu-

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Janet Napolitano, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, confers with Tarry.

Photo courtesy of U.S. Department of Homeland Security

merous opportunities for traveling abroad, and Tarry became interested at an early age in pursuing a career in the field.

"I love analysis and figuring problems out," said Tarry, who earned a master's degree in national security studies from Georgetown University. "That's what the intelligence business is all about—trying to solve problems and get out in front of issues and to be one step ahead of whatever you're concerned with. The career path really intrigued me."

Tarry was introduced to Bridgewater by his cousins, Tom Geiman '60 (now deceased) and Alice Ebersole Geiman '62, who lived nearby. Once he visited the campus, Tarry said he fell in love with it and enrolled after earning an associate's degree from a community college. While he was a student at Bridgewater, Tarry remained close to the Geimans, whom he always regarded as a second set of parents.

"I'd go to Tom and Alice's house on Sundays, and Alice would do my laundry and give me a great home-cooked meal," Tarry recalled. "My mom and Tom were instrumental in helping me understand the importance of an education and kicking my rear end through it."

As an economics and business administration major, Tarry fondly remembers then-department head Dr. Bernard Logan as an important academic mentor. Tarry recalls one class discussion during which he found himself disagreeing with some of the philosophies of 20th century English economist John Maynard Keynes. For Tarry, the

experience now provides a vivid example of how Bridgewater's liberal arts approach was instrumental in developing his critical thinking skills, which he said are so vitally important for intelligence professionals.

"Dr. Logan was amazing," said Tarry, who has received numerous awards, including

"On any given day, we're working directly with the president down to the police officers on the streets." Bill Tarry '81

the Presidential Meritorious Rank Award and the National Intelligence Reform Medal. "He really made the major breakthrough as I went through college and taught me to think on my own. The idea that a 22-year-old is inspired to start to question, instead of just repeating back everything the professor said, is a critical skill I learned at Bridgewater. It has served me well during my entire career."

Tarry entered Naval Intelligence as a civilian intelligence analyst assigned to the Navy Ocean Surveillance and Information Center in 1981. From 1983 to 1993, he worked as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He later served in a variety of analytic, collection and management positions, including a two-year assignment as deputy director for operations of the Joint Analysis Center, European Command in Molesworth, England, from 1995 to 1997.

He continued moving up the ranks in the Office of Naval Intelligence from 1998 until 2010, when he joined the DHS as Deputy Assistant Commandant for Intelligence and Criminal Investigations at the U.S. Coast Guard—the position he filled until his recent appointment.

One of the most difficult experiences of Tarry's career came with the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the U.S., when eight of his employees stationed at the Pentagon were killed. The assaults were very personal for Tarry.

These incidents on U.S. soil also marked a major shift in the emphasis of intelligence gathering and analysis, Tarry explained. Before 2001, intelligence efforts focused primarily on detecting and managing threats from other nations. Today, the DHS is devoted to identifying risks within U.S. borders that may come from terrorist organizations in any part of the world.

"It's kind of like fighting guerrilla warfare all over the world," Tarry said. "Terrorist organizations don't have major goals – they'd like to bring us down, of course – but they just want to cause terror. That's very hard to detect compared to something you might see from a nation state. It's very challenging."

Balancing Career and Family

Tarry met his wife, Patricia Morehead Tarry, '82, on a blind date while the pair were students at Bridgewater. A general science major at Bridgewater, Pat also is an



intelligence professional, having worked with the Office of Naval Intelligence since 1983. Though intelligence careers are known for being demanding and secretive, Tarry said sharing a similar profession with his spouse is a plus.

“Actually, it helps our marriage a lot,” said Tarry, noting that the couple celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in April. “When I’m working really late, at least my wife has some understanding of what I’m doing and who I’m talking to and why it’s important. So it helps in understanding what’s going on, as opposed to not being able to talk about your work.”

The Tarrys, whose three sons and a daughter range in age from 14 to 27, also are dedicated to their church and are active leaders in their community. A longtime youth adviser in his congregation, Tarry coached soccer and baseball for 20 years. He has participated in professional organizations, and is a past member of the board of directors for the Naval Intelligence Professionals Association and of the Coast Guard Academy’s board of trustees.

“It’s just a part of giving back for being so blessed with our careers,” said Tarry, adding that he and Pat strive to maintain a balance between career, family and personal life. “We’ve got a strong family. It’s really about trying to balance family, faith and profession. That’s just been something we’ve always tried to keep our eyes on.”

Karen Doss Bowman '91 is a freelance writer in Bridgewater, Va.

TOP LEFT: Tarry met his wife, Patricia Morehead '82, while a student at BC.
TOP RIGHT: Tarry with Admiral Bob Papp, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard.
Photos courtesy of Bill Tarry

BREAKING INTO INTELLIGENCE CAREERS

As the second-ranking official in the Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Tarry spends a lot of time interviewing and hiring candidates—many of them recent college graduates. The field is highly competitive, he said, and today’s young adults spend most of their college careers positioning themselves to land these jobs. Here are a few of his tips for Bridgewater students who might be interested in a career in the intelligence industry:

- Seek relevant internships
- Join professional associations, such as Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA) and AFCEA Intelligence, for networking opportunities
- Strive for academic excellence
- Make plans to pursue an advanced degree in the future



Fall Guy

Wrestling gets a
foothold at BC

by Mark Griffin '88



FRONT (KNEELING): Scott Fike, Travis Herald, Matt Deavers, Ryan Rowe
BACK (STANDING): Drew Painter, Kevin Mearz, Brandon Utz, Aaron McMillan

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For the past 20 years or so, Bridgewater's campus has vibrated with whispers and rumors of a start-up wrestling program. This year, not only did wrestling become an official club sport, but its team enjoyed early triumphs that could contribute to its growth into a successful varsity sport at Bridgewater College.

"We wanted to try to do this years ago, in the mid '90s," club adviser Joe Crockett said. "There were kids interested then, but it was hard to get everything put together."

Crockett, the chair of the chemistry department, was quick to credit how the program finally became a reality. "This time the kids did it," he said. "Scott Fike and Drew Painter were instrumental, and we had other students who really stepped up and did a lot with it, also."

Fike, a junior, was a high-school wrestler at Staunton River who first enrolled at James Madison University to wrestle for the Dukes. When JMU dropped its program, he transferred to BC and essentially gave up the sport. But he got the bug again while coaching in the summer, and then teamed with Painter to see how to get a program at Bridgewater under way. "It started in April 2011 when we contacted the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NWCA) to see what we needed to do to make it happen," said Fike.

After meeting with the college dean and president they completed all the necessary paperwork. The Student Senate approved the club during its November meeting.

The team had a schedule, uniforms and singlets and began to practice at nearby Turner Ashby (TA) High School, where wrestling mats and access to the coaching staff were available.

In mid-January, the team competed for the first time at the Washington & Lee Invitational. Of the seven Bridgewater wrestlers competing, six finished in the top four and the team finished second out of 13 teams, proving that BC could be a force in the future. >>

Photo courtesy of Scott Fike '13



Scott Fike '13



The team then headed to Blacksburg to take on Virginia Tech's club team. The Eagles snagged an early lead but the Hokies came back to win 31-21.

"That was great to wrestle in Cassell Coliseum," Fike said. "We got to stay and watch an ACC match afterwards."

With confidence gaining in each match, the team headed to Liberty University to compete in the Mid-Atlantic Conference Tournament.

"Our goal there was to finish in the top 10 and advance to the nationals as a team," said Crockett. "We finished 1½ points out of 10th place."

Two wrestlers, Fike at 174 pounds and Aaron McMillion at heavyweight, finished fifth and advanced as individuals to the National Tournament in Daytona Beach, Fla. Both advanced to the second day, just short of going a third day to make All-American. "It was an awesome atmosphere," Fike said

of the national tournament. "There were 78 teams from 38 states there."

He was more than pleased with the season's results. "We definitely exceeded expectations," Fike said.

The team has a core of 12 wrestlers who are all competitive. Fike will be the only senior on the squad next year.

"We will need to get up to a full lineup and fill all 11 weight classes," he said. "We have a great opportunity at TA but we want to be on campus for practice, matches, etc."

Painter said that the other sports on campus can be key to helping the wrestling team succeed. "A lot of kids are choosing BC because we have football and wrestling," said Painter.

"There is a lot of interest and other coaches are referring wrestlers to us."

Freshman Travis Herald had a standout career at Alleghany High School. He was glad to get a chance to continue to compete.

"I'm glad that we got started when I was a freshmen," said Herald. "We have six or seven young guys who are freshmen and sophomores who did pretty well."

Fike sees a bright future to the BC program due to the recruiting base not far from campus.

"Most of the guys we have on the team are from the Virginia Beach area," said Fike. "There is some great quality wrestling in the state that's within a couple of hours of the campus."

The ingredients are in place and the sky is the limit for the BC wrestling program. Excitement is in the air and there is a buzz about campus.

"If I'm ever wearing anything with wrestling on it people always ask a lot of questions," said Painter. "We definitely exceeded what we expected this year."

Mark Griffin '88 is senior associate director of admissions at Bridgewater College.





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1945

Twins **MARIE MASON FLORY** and **MIRIAM MASON HOLL** celebrated their 90th birthday with a party at the Bridgewater Retirement Community on Feb. 18.



Miriam Mason Holl and Marie Mason Flory.

1952

BARBARA KIRBY BOUSMAN of Garner, N.C., is a retired elementary school teacher. She has three grown children and four grandchildren.

1953

DR. OTIS D. KITCHEN, professor of music emeritus at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pa., served in March as a clinician and guest conductor at California State University Fresno for its annual Wind Orchestra Festival. Also in March he adjudicated a piano competition for the Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs and, in April, adjudicated and gave clinics at the New York City Band and Orchestra Festival.

1954

DR. DALE HUFFMAN of Auburn,

Ala., will be inducted into the Meat Industry Hall of Fame on Nov. 1 in Chicago. After attending Bridgewater College, he earned a bachelor's in animal science from Cornell University and a master's and Ph.D. in meat and animal science from the University of Florida. He joined the research staff at the Swift and Co. R&D Center at the Chicago Stockyards, where he researched ante-mortem injection of enzymes to improve beef tenderness. Swift and Co. marketed this patented technology as Proten beef. In 1963 he joined the animal science department at Auburn University, where he taught meat science and served as a consultant with companies that facilitated application of his research findings including McDonald's. Following retirement from Auburn in 1995, he formed a private consulting firm to serve clients in the food industry and the food-safety arena. He retired completely in 2004.

1969

TERESA J. BIGELOW TELLES of Lakehead, Calif., is retired from teaching science and volunteers her time to Castle Rock Elementary School in Castella, Calif.

1972

GEOFFREY L. CHASE has retired after 31 years as in-house counsel for Air Products and Chemicals Inc. in Allentown, Pa. He earned a law degree from Wake Forest University in 1975 and was in private practice for five years in Arlington, Va., before joining Air Products and Chemicals,

The Gippsland Water Factory in Maryvale, Victoria, Australia has received the 2011 Origin Gold Banksia Award, the most prestigious environmental award in Australia. The Gippsland Water Factory Project, which features world's first technology for the treatment of pulp and paper wastes, is managed by **RONALD PETCHER**. The project will be handed over to the local utility company for management when all parts of the plant are proven and the employees are trained. Ron and his wife, Connie, have been in Australia since 2008 and are slated to continue to work there through 2012.

1973

TERESA DANIEL BISHOP lives in North Chesterfield, Va., with her husband, James. She worked as a technical writer/editor for 20 years and is currently on disability.

EDWARD E. CLARK, president and co-founder of The Wildlife Center of Virginia in Waynesboro, Va., has received the national 2012 Grand Prize Rare Life Award. The award, which was presented by Eagle Rare Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, is given to an individual who "leads a rare life" of courage, leadership, survival, devotion, character and heroism. As part of the award, Eagle Rare donated \$20,000 to the Wildlife Center.

1974

MOLLY A. DURBIN is moving from Grayson, Ga., to east Tennessee. She is retired as a project manager for John H. Harland Company.

1982

DR. GINA SAGER, a former board-certified general surgeon, closed her practice in 2002 to teach holistic healing. Today, she travels around Maryland teaching yoga, meditation and stress-reduction classes six days a week to medical students, cancer patients and the public. She also conducts demonstrations of healthful vegetarian cooking techniques at farmers' markets and leads biannual retreats at a ranch in the New Mexico desert. Gina earned her medical degree from the University of Virginia's medical school in 1986 and was named one of Baltimore's best doctors by *Baltimore* magazine in 2000.

1988

DR. BARBARA HOTTLE LONG, assistant professor of health and exercise science and chair of the department of health and human sciences at Bridgewater College, recently earned a doctor of education in organizational leadership from Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va. She is also director of the College's athletic training program.

1993

DENNIS DYSART of Edinburg, Va., has been promoted to senior executive vice president and chief credit officer of First National Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiary, First Bank. He began his career with First Bank in 1993 and has served as executive vice president and chief administrative officer from 2005

HONORARY ALUMNI 1997 Mary Grace Martin*; 2001 Carolyn C. Driver*; 2001 Ralph L. Shively; 2001 Mary Spitzer Etter*; 2005 Bonnie Lou Wampler; 2008 Daniel S. Geiser*; 2012 Sara King (* deceased)

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Class of 1942
Kathryn Garst Mason,
Harry Bowman



Class of 1962 ROW 1: Barbara J. Scruggs, Elizabeth Bowman Oakes, Betty Ann Garber Sullivan, L. Ann Powers Daugherty, Susan Petellat Tury, Evelyn Kaye Miller Sandin ROW 2: Rose Anne Kinzie Wheatley, Iva Speicher Dixon, Harriet Brubaker Pinckard, Brenda Jones Ward, Judith Miller Allen ROW 3: Ed Burgess, Howard Hammond, Richard Cocklin, Sharon Lawrence Kline, Virginia Chapin, Rebecca Zinn Liskey, Miles Sandin ROW 4: Paul Davis, Ronald L. Kershner, Norman "Spike" Felty, Elbert W. Kinzie, William "Bill" Aiken, Don F. Dixon, Richard "Dick" Brand, Harold E. Huffman



Class of 1947 ROW 1: Phyllis Cupp Miller, Wilma Kline Robertson, Mirna Belle Flory Wolfe ROW 2: Fred Wampler, Dorris Berry Wampler, Paul Foster



Class of 1952 ROW 1: Merle Crouse, Kitty Barnhart Landis, Edward Byrd, George Fifer, Emily Faulkner Matson, Claude Humbert ROW 2: James Flora, Robert Reichard, William "Bill" Naylor, Paul Garber, Gerald Roller

Class of 1957 ROW 1: Anne Haynes Price, Joyce Petcher Cline, Grace Funkhouser Florence, Tracy Lam Pless, Lillian Wimmer Wells ROW 2: Sylvia Kline Bowman, Nancy Moore Link, Phyllis Smith Saulley, Shirley Fulcher Wampler, Rebecca Bowman Helbert ROW 3: James Bowman, Beverly Wampler Lineweaver, Ann Beahm Flora, Janice Wine Wade, John Harshbarger, Orrin Kline ROW 4: John Mason, Albert Sauls, James Keeler, Ben Wade, Larry Pence



Class of 1967 ROW 1: Dolores Fravel Richardson, Linda Knight Wilson, Brenda Cockram Merida, Linda Ikenberry Shiotani, Connie Knight Gilmer, Linda "Lindy" Holland ROW 2: Susan Mitchell Magri, Sandra M. Chase, Jean Kingsbury Jacobs, Sharyn DeLauter Wicheal, Kathy Martin Zimmerman, Jaque Green Bradford ROW 3: Nancy L. Rittenhouse, Susan E. Cobb, Grace Mentzer Wellman, Sarah Garber Foltz, Marcia Sindair McCoy ROW 4: Michael Jacobs, Mensel Dean, Vince Gilmer, Dean Carter, Fred Zimmerman ROW 5: William "Bill" Stables, Guy Stull, Jim Ellis, Ed Arnett



Class of 1972 Layton Evans Manus, Joyce Hargett King, Jo Ann Cahall Miller, Karen Simmons Wolf

through May 2011 and as its chief operating officer since May 2011. In 1997 he completed the Jack T. Conn Graduate School of Community Banking at Oklahoma City University.

1995

In January 2012, **JENNY THORNTON HARDEN** of Nettie, W.Va., became principal at Rupert Elementary School located in Greenbrier County. Previously, she was a school improvement transformation specialist at Richwood High School.

1996

In March, **CINDY PEARSON FERREK** of Broadway, Va., was named the National High School Physical Education Teacher of the Year. The award was presented during a convention hosted by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education in Boston. "I teach about the whole body in health and how to maintain our bodies," said Cindy, who gives students "the tools that they can use to make choices and take care of [their] bodies." Her desire to teach students about vehicle safety led to the entire school's recent third-place finish in the statewide "Save Your TAIL-gate, Buckle Up" campaign.

1998

JENNIFER MATTICE HANNAH of McGaheysville, Va., graduated with an associate's degree in paralegal studies from National Business College. She is certified by the National Association of Legal Assistants and is a paralegal with the Sizemore Law Group in Harrisonburg, Va.

2000

ROBERT and **ERIN BUENG GASSER** have a son, **David Michael**, born Aug. 16. The family lives in Lima, Ohio.

2001

In the fall of 2011, **WAYNE R. HYDORN** took a joint duty position working the Federal Bureau of

Investigation (FBI) and the Cyber Squad. His wife, **STACEY CHANEY HYDORN**, was promoted to senior clinical nurse in the emergency department at the University of Maryland. Wayne is training for his second duathlon and Stacey competed in her first half-marathon in November 2011 and plans on running a half-marathon with Wayne in New Orleans in October. The couple lives with their three sons Ryan, Brody and Greyson in Hampstead, Md.

2005

On Jan. 12, U.S. Army Staff Sgt. **TIFFANY FERGUSON LEVER** of Maiden, Mass., was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for service during an award ceremony at Camp Phoenix in Kabul, Afghanistan. Tiffany, who has been serving for eight years as a guardsman, was responsible for managing BPAs for supplies valued at more than \$6 million for eight camps throughout the Kabul Base Cluster. Throughout

Donald E. Beachley in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Md. In 2009, she graduated *cum laude* with a juris doctor from Duquesne University School of Law.

KEITH MURPHY is in the United States Marine Corps training to fly the MV-22 Osprey. His wife, **ANDREA EISENSMITH MURPHY '09** is the head nurse at a family doctor's office. The couple lives in Corpus Christi, Texas.

2007

HEATHER SHULL BARNHART and Aaron have a son, **Trevor Wayne**, born Feb. 14. Heather is an administrative information systems user support specialist at Bridgewater College.

MATTHEW ELIPHALET FERGUSON and **MEGAN RHEA WHEELER '08** were married June 25, 2011. Matthew graduated in 2010 from the Medical University of South Carolina and is a physical therapist with McLeod Sports Medicine. Megan is a certified public accountant with Webster Rogers. The couple lives in Florence, S.C.

JOSHUA FISHER and **KARA SUTTON FRENCH '09** were married Nov. 5. The couple lives in Richmond, Va.

JOHN MAXIE HARRIS JR. and Karen Leanne Lilley were married June 25, 2011. John is pursuing a master's in real estate finance and investment at New York University. The couple lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

COLIN OWENS from Yorktown, Va., was selected out of 18,500 State Farm agency owners to star in the company's March Madness commercial along with former basketball coach Bobby Knight. The commercial aired on national television stations.

2008

DANIEL RUDY received a master of divinity with distinctions in biblical studies and historical and theological



Colin L. Owens Jr. '07 and Brittany Mears Owens '07

2004

SANDRA LAGANA has been named women's soccer head coach at McDaniel College in Westminster, Md. Since 2007, she has served as the head of women's soccer at Ferrum (Va.) College. She earned a master's in kinesiology and recreation studies, with concentrations in athletic administration and coaching, from James Madison University in December 2006.

ELIZABETH CUPP PACKER and Matt have a son, **Garrett Matthew**, born Dec. 26. The family lives in Mount Sidney, Va.

her years of service, she was a human resources specialist, a transportation coordinator and completed the Army Warrior Leader Course. She returned home in February.

2006

MEGAN STUDWELL BYLER and Josh have a son, **Grayson Joshua**, born March 15. The family, which includes a daughter, **Maggie**, lives in Bridgewater, Va.

ELIZABETH LAMM of Cumberland, Md., is an associate attorney in the law firm of Anderson, Rudd, Donahue and McKee. Previously, she was a judicial law clerk for the Hon.

cal studies from Bethany Theological Seminary in May 2011. On Feb. 19, he was ordained to the ministry in the Church of the Brethren and is serving as pastor of the Ninth Street Church of the Brethren in Roanoke, Va.

FAITH ELLIOTT WATERHOUSE of Coatesville, Pa., has been promoted to transportation supervisor at Stericycle, a medical waste disposal company in Morgantown, Pa.

MEGAN RHEA WHEELER (see Matthew Eliphalet Ferguson '07).

2009

KARA SUTTON FRENCH (see Joshua Fisher '07).



Michelle Dawn Kratzer and Steven Thomas Kramer

MICHELLE DAWN KRATZER and Steven Thomas Kramer were married Feb. 17. Michelle is a sales consultant for Verizon Wireless. The couple lives in Harrisonburg, Va.

In June 2011, **ALEXANDRIA MURPHY** from Schwenksville, Pa., began a 2 ½ year term with the Peace Corps in sub-Saharan Africa.

ANDREA EISENSMITH MURPHY (see Keith Murphy '06).

2010

KELLY RENEE BOTTENFIELD and Brian Matthew Shiflett were married May 21, 2011. Kelly is a recruiter at Dynamic Aviation. The couple lives in Verona, Va.

WILLIAM TYLER BROYLES and **COURTNEY ANNE SHACKELFORD** were married Oct. 29. The couple lives in Manassas, Va.

Memorials

DR. WILLIAM JOHN HOTCHKISS '42 died March 11, at the age of 92. After graduating from Bridgewater College, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was sent to the University of Notre Dame for training as a midshipman. He remained in the Navy throughout World War II and attained the rank of lieutenant. He graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in 1951 and served as an intern at Winchester Memorial Hospital. He moved to Broadway, Va., where he and the late Dr. John T. Glick Jr. '43 established the Glick-Hotchkiss Clinic. They practiced medicine together for 44 years, retiring when they were both 77 years of age. He enjoyed family activities, gardening, landscaping, hiking, travelling, camping, skiing and reading. He was a member of the Linville Creek Church of the Brethren. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, the former Thelma Conner '47. Also among his survivors are two daughters, Mary Ann Hotchkiss Reynolds '73 of Ponte Vedra, Fla., and Susan Hotchkiss Taylor '75 of Leesburg, Va.

HAROLD ASHBY JENNINGS '43 of Bridgewater, Va., died March 28, at the age of 92. He worked as a pressman at Judd & Dutwiler for 40 years. He was a member of the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren and the Rockingham Male Chorus. He had served in the Civilian Public Service. He was married on March 21, 1948 to the former Margaret Miller, who preceded him in death on May 22, 1991. On Nov. 29, 1992, he married the former Mary Garber Geiser '44, who survives.

Tressie Virginia Myers '44 of Bridgewater, Va., died Feb. 15, at the age of 91. She earned a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was a retired librarian for Richmond City Schools. She was a member of Bridgewater Church of the Brethren.

RICHARD W. ELLER '47 of Waynesboro, Va., died March 8, at the age of 86. He was in the Navy Air Corp, training to be a carrier fighter pilot, when World War II ended. He worked for the DuPont Co. for 39 years, where he had a role in the color-sealed acetate venture and then was active in the startup of the Waynesboro Orlon plant. Later he and his family were assigned to the Maydown Plant in Northern Ireland for three years. Returning to Waynesboro, he trained native workers and started an Orlon plant in Isfahan, Iran. In retirement, he accepted an offer to consult for the Orlon division and formed a new company, Fiber Technology Associates, which provided consulting services for both the Waynesboro and Camden, S.C., Orlon plants. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca "Gene" Miller Eller '48 of Waynesboro, Va., and a sister, Ann Eller McDaniels '51 of Blacksburg, Va.

WALTER DAVID KAHLE '47 of Christiansburg, Va., died Jan. 10, at the age of 91. He was a World War II veteran who served with the 5th Air Force in the Pacific as an Army Signal Corp radar technician. He participated in the New Guinea and Philippine campaigns along with the occupation of Japan after VJ Day. In 1960, he joined the Radford Army Ammunition Plant as a supervisor until he retired in 1984. In retirement, he served as a soil and erosion consultant with the Town of Christiansburg, and also as a consultant on a number of building projects in the community. He was a long-time member and elder at Christiansburg Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, the former Polly Adams '48, who survives, shared cotillion, golf and bridge.

CHARLES LEONARD SNYDER '47 of Bridgewater, Va., died March 2, at the age of 88. He retired from State Farm Insurance Co. in Frederick, Md., where he served as vice president. He was a member of Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth. Also

among his survivors is a son, Charles "Chuck" L. Snyder III '74 of Reno, Nev.

ELEANOR HOOVER WHITE '48 of Springfield, Va., died Feb. 9, at the age of 84. After attending Bridgewater, she graduated from Vanderbilt University and earned a master's degree from Catholic University of America. She was a public health nurse, first with the U.S. Department of State and later with the Commonwealth of Virginia. At the time of her retirement, she was director of public health nursing for Arlington County. Among her survivors is a brother, Maj. Gen. John Hoover '45 of Evans, Ga.

ROBERT G. SANGER '49 of Staunton, Va., died Feb. 17, at the age of 85. He was a band director for 36 years in the public schools in Virginia. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marguerite. Also among his survivors is a daughter, Karen Sanger Willi '80 of Harrisonburg, Va.

PAUL C. LAMB '50 of Rileyville, Va., died Jan. 4. He served in the Marine Corps and the Navy seeing action in the South Pacific and Omaha Beach. His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V," the Purple Heart and the Presidential Unit Citation.

LEONARD LEWIS CARACOFE '51 of Piney River, Va., and formerly of Bridgewater, Va., died Feb. 10, at the age of 94. After retiring from the U.S. Navy with 21 years of service, he worked as a carpenter for Nielsen Construction for 10 years. He was a member of Bridgewater United Methodist Church. An avid baseball fan, he played two years for the Town of Bridgewater.

DORSEY A. CLAYTON '57 of New Martinsville, W.Va., died Feb. 10, following a lengthy illness. He was 75. He was retired from Ormet Corp. and was a former employee of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and Acme Construction Co. He was a member of the Shiloh Church of the Brethren and enjoyed playing basketball. He

is survived by his wife of 56 years, Rosalea.

CAROLYN ARMENTROUT ROGERS '57 of Fairfax, Va., died Feb. 22, at the age of 76.

JANICE "JEAN" MILLS GRAHAM '58 and **ALLAN DAVID GRAHAM '58** of Derwood, Md., died on Jan. 13 and Feb. 18 respectively. Jean was 75 and Allan was 74. Jean was a stay-at-home mom and later a substitute teacher in Montgomery County, Md. She enjoyed cooking and baking and was a pianist. Allan taught high-school math for more than 40 years at Blair High School and the Yeshiva School of Greater Washington, both in Silver Spring, Md. He was an avid baseball fan and golfer and enjoyed gardening.

SANDRA LEE THACKER SOUTHWARD '59 of Harrisonburg, Va., died Feb. 26, at the age of 73. She was a teacher at Keezletown and

Linville-Edom elementary schools and Broadway and Turner Ashby high schools. She also taught U.S. Army soldiers while stationed in Germany in 1961. She was an instructor for homebound students in Rockingham County and later was an administrative assistant for State Farm insurance. She retired in 2002 as secretary in the library at Harrisonburg High School. She was a member of the Bridgewater Presbyterian Church and later attended the Dayton Church of the Brethren. She enjoyed spending time on or near the water at Smith Mountain Lake. She is survived by her husband, Oliver. Also among her survivors is a brother, Frank Thacker '72 of Staunton, Va.

EDITH GOOD FORD '64 of Frederick, Md., died March 5, from complications following a fall. She was 93. She began work as a public stenographer in Washington, D.C.,

and later worked for Hercules Powder Co. in Wilmington, Del. In 1955, her family went to India with the International YMCA and served for 10 ½ years. She taught typing and shorthand and was a housemother at Kodaikanal School in Kodaikanal, South India. She also taught typing at the YWCA Secretarial School in New Delhi. From 1969 until her retirement in 1983, she was secretary to the director of Spacecraft Lab at COMSAT Labs in Clarksburg, Md., and later the first manager of the Word Processing Center. She was a member of the Frederick Church of the Brethren, where she taught Sunday school for many years. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, bridge and Scrabble. Among her survivors is a brother, Harold F. Good '60 of Bridgewater, Va.

VIVIAN COSTELLO NANDA '65 of Grayslake, Ill., died Feb. 17. She had Parkinson's disease. She earned an

M.A. in French from the University of Missouri and taught French for several years at Prairie State Community College in Chicago. Following the birth of her first child, she quit teaching and taught herself accounting and computer skills. She spent many years keeping the books for her husband's business. She enjoyed gardening and working in her flower beds. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Jene.

ELIZABETH ANN TROBAUGH '71 of Concord, N.C., died Dec. 15, at the age of 62. She earned a master of education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was a teacher in the Mooresville City Schools until retiring in 2010.

DR. HARRY G.M. "DOC" JOPSON, beloved biology professor emeritus and track and cross country coach, passed away on March 9, 2012 at the age of 100.

He was born in Philadelphia on June 23, 1911, the son of the late Dr. John H. and Susanna Michener Jopson. Prior to World War II, he served in the Virginia militia. From 1943-45, he served in the United Seamen's Service in North Africa, the Middle East and Italy.

Jopson taught biology at Bridgewater College from 1936-43 and 1946-81. He revived the spring track program in 1936 and started the cross country team in 1938. He was named the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Track Coach of the Year from 1978 to 1981. In 1971, the Bridgewater athletic complex was renamed the Harry G.M. Jopson Athletic Complex.

Following his retirement in 1981, students and friends endowed the Harry G.M. Jopson Chair of Biology in his honor. He was a charter inductee into Bridgewater's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994. He also served as pre-med adviser for many years.

Last year, the Jopson Endowed Track/Cross Country Fund was spearheaded by Jeffrey Heppard '74 of Moorestown, N.J. and Craig Waters '78 of Richmond, Va., both former Jopson athletes. This spring, Bridgewater hosted the 17th annual Harry G.M. Jopson Invitational, a track and field event he attended until two years ago.

Jopson was a member of the North River Watershed Commission, the Bridgewater Town Council, trustee of Planters Bank of Bridgewater (later First Virginia and BB&T) and the Rockingham County School Board. A longtime member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, he served as vestryman, warden and chairman of many committees.

He earned a B.S. degree from Haverford (Pa.) College and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in herpetology from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

In 1933, Jopson married the former Hope Wilson, who preceded him in death in 1992. He is survived by two daughters, Leslie Bulken of Bridgewater, Va., and Harriet Mercer of Dover, Mass., and two grandsons.

Gifts in Jopson's memory may be sent to the office of institutional advancement at Bridgewater College.

(See feature story on page 10.)



The Jopson Wagon

This photo of “Doc” Jopson and his faithful station wagon – swarming with members of the 1967 Eagles cross country team – appeared in the 1968 edition of *Ripples*, which quoted Jopson as saying that the ’67 team was the best in 15 years. The team captured first place in the Little Eight for the first time since 1961 and placed third in the Mason-Dixon Championships.

Pictured from left to right on the first row are Kenny Lancaster ’70, Steve Sine ’71, “Doc” Jopson in the driver’s seat, Bill Pamplin ’71 and Charlie Fairchilds ’70. From left to right on the second row are Dean Hauptman ’68, Dave Newbrough ’68, Brian Kennedy ’70, Ray Ritchie ’70, Larry Carpenter ’71 and Rick Fawley ’71.

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